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Navajo Nation Office of Environmental Health & Protection Program announce new Amendment to Exemption to Limitation Clarify and Setting Limitation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center (HCOC) along with the Navajo Office of Environmental Health & Protection Program announces on Friday, April 10, 2020, new amendments to the Exemption to Limitation Order by Clarifying and Setting Limitation of Operations for Major Retail Food Stores, Convenience Stores, and all Drive-Through Food Service Establishments Serving within the Navajo Nation.

Retail Food Stores and Convenience Stores must adhere to the new operational procedures listed below:

1. Operating Hours shall cease at 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 11, 2020, and April 12, 2020 exception of those that close in the duration of the Weekend Curfew or in observance of Easter Sunday.
2. Monitoring of entry of customers to maintain occupancy limits.
3. Ensure that if customers are waiting outside of the Retail Food Store, Convenience Stores, they must do so in compliance with social distancing protocols including the requirement the maintain distance of at least six-feet from other individuals, avoid person-to-person contact.
4. Ensure that if customers are waiting in-line for checkout register, they must do so in compliance with social distancing protocols including the requirement the maintain a distance of at least six-feet from other individuals.
5. Only one shopper per family, with the exception of an accompanying caregiver.

Establishments providing drive-through services (Drive-Thru) must adhere to the new operational procedures listed below:

1. Operating hours during the Weekend Curfew shall cease at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday April 11, 2020, and Sunday April 12, 2020, with the exception of those that choose to close in duration of Weekend Curfew or in observance of Easter Sunday.
2. Continue to ensure that if customers are waiting in-line that they remain in their vehicles, they must do in compliance with social distancing protocols and avoid person-to-person contact.
3. If there are carport or car stall services, customers, are to occupy every other carport or stall in compliance with social distancing protocols, remain in their vehicles and avoid person-to-person contact.

The HCOC advises all citizens of the Navajo Nation to abide by Navajo Nation Public Health Orders prohibiting all social gatherings, following the established daily curfew from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM, and the 57-hour weekend curfew from April 10 to April 13 during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The HCOC remains open to coordinate the Nation's response to COVID-19. For more information, visit <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19> or call the HCOC Hotline at (928) 871-7014.

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